## **Preface**

The Statistical Office in Gdańsk has issued a successive publication with a purpose to present the agriculture in Pomorskie Voivodship.

The source of information comes from the results of representative surveys conducted in private farms in 2008 (i.e. the surveys regarding the structure of farms and cyclical surveys on livestock), data from the surveys carried out in state-owned farms, cooperatives, companies with share of public and private property, as well as estimations and assessments by local experts. Moreover – for the sake of presenting information regarding marketplace prices of agricultural products and livestock – monthly price listings conducted by the US permanent surveyors have been used.

The publication consist of methodical notes, analytical part and tables. The methodical notes preceding the whole elaboration present necessary definitions of indices and notions applied in statistical analysis and tables. The analytical part describes changes which took place in agriculture in 2008 in comparison with the previous year. The statistical tables have been grouped in seven thematic chapters comprising land use, agricultural output, procurement and prices of agricultural products, as well as some means of production used in agriculture.

The terminology, classifications and groupings of data applied in this work allow for making comparisons with data at national level, as well as with other voivodships.

I trust that presented publication will provide a rich source of information about the agriculture in our region.

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